

A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR P.
JOHNSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Arthur P. Johnson for his dedication to helping others.

Arthur P. Johnson is a native New Yorker whose professional and community service is guided by the philosophy of empowering individuals, families and communities to be self-sustaining. His parents and grandparents instilled in him the importance of education, a strong work ethic, and the need for spiritual guidance. He demonstrated his commitment to these values when he helped start the ALPHA School for substance abusing teens. During his diverse career he has also been involved with mental health and H.I.V. services at the New Hope Guild Centers as well as owning a share of a city licensed pest control business.

Arthur is devoted to improving the environment in which we live through his public service. In East New York, he sits on Community Board #5, the board of Brownsville Medical Services, and the board of the Twelve Towns Y.M.C.A. He is also 2nd Vice-President of the Congressman Towns' Men's Caucus and treasurer of the New York Shot Makers Golf Club. With this work, and his entrepreneurial endeavors, Arthur is working to make a difference.

In addition, to his many work and volunteer responsibilities, he is also the proud father of Lisa, Arthur, Jr., and Latasha as well as the very happy grandfather of Asia and Cameron.

Mr. Speaker, Arthur P. Johnson has shown his commitment to serving the community and helping those who cannot help themselves. I hope that all my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable person.

CONGRATULATING REAR ADMIRAL
RAYMOND ARCHER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished military career of Rear Admiral Raymond A. Archer III, Vice Director of the Defense Logistics Agency. Admiral Cunningham will retire on November 1, 2002 after 38 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Navy and to his country.

Admiral Archer's military career began in 1964, with his enlistment in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Following his graduation from Ohio State University's School of Business, he went on to develop an extensive background in logistics, making him an invaluable asset to the U.S. Navy and the Department of Defense. After a series of key assignments, both ashore and at sea, Admiral Archer became the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics Business Systems and Technology Department in Washington, DC in 1996. He continued his service as Commander of the Naval Inventory Control Point in Mechanicsburg, PA. Then, in October, 1997, Admiral Archer was recognized for his exceptional abilities

and outstanding accomplishments with his selection as Vice Director of the Defense Logistics Agency.

In his current capacity, Admiral Archer has been responsible for aiding the effort to provide other Department of Defense Components as well as Federal agencies, foreign governments, and international organizations with logistical support in times of war and peace. Admiral Archer has contributed his expertise to the Agency most specifically by serving as the Agency's knowledgeable authority regarding Business Systems Modernization, the most dynamic and important project facing the Defense Logistics Agency. He has succeeded during his time with DLA in surpassing all expectations regarding the improvement of logistics programs for the Department of Defense and Federal Agencies.

Over the course of Admiral Archer's exemplary career he has earned several personal awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, four Legions of Merit and four Meritorious Service Medals, one of which was awarded to him by Naval Forces Central Command for providing logistics support during Battle Force Zulu, Operation Desert Storm.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Raymond Archer on his retirement as it marks the completion of a distinguished career by an honorable officer. Thank you, Raymond, for your superior service to the U.S. Navy and to this Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a personal explanation. On June 13, 2002, I was absent from the Chamber as I attended my daughter's high school graduation. During that time, I was not present to vote on rollcall votes 226, 227, 228, and 229. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yes" on rollcall votes 226, 227, and 229. I would have voted, "no" on rollcall vote 228. I ask that my statement be submitted in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING PRO FOOTBALL
HOPEFUL AHMAD MILLER

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, 17 years ago, our colleague from California, Mr. Badham, who represented Newport Beach before I had that honor, rose in this chamber to commemorate the 10th anniversary of an important community event in Orange County, "Irrelevant Week." This event, premised on the "simple act of doing something nice for someone for no reason," takes time out to recognize and honor the last athlete selected in the National Football League's annual draft.

Today, 27 years after the people of Orange County first decided to do something nice for someone for no reason, I'm pleased to report that "Irrelevant Week" and Orange County al-

truism are both thriving. Irrelevant Week XXVII is honoring Ahmad Miller, from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, who was the 261st selection in the 2002 NFL Draft. He is headed to the Houston Texans, where—at six feet three and a half inches tall and 320 pounds—he has the potential to be a presence on the team's defensive line, despite the scores of players selected ahead of him.

Such long odds do not dampen the enthusiasm of community leaders like Paul Salata, who organizes this event. That's because they recognize that all fame is fleeting, that humility is a virtue, and that even the last round NFL draft pick is a significantly better athlete than most Members of Congress. During his stellar career at UNLV, Mr. Miller accumulated five quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles, 96 tackles, and 13 tackles for losses. These performances earned the Bradenton, Florida native two selections to the All Mountain West Conference team.

Today, the citizens of Newport Beach join me in congratulating Mr. Miller and all of those involved in this celebration, which has now, we can all agree, outgrown its name—for there is little in this world today that is more relevant to our spirit of community and our common humanity than doing nice things for other people. On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Orange County whom it is my privilege to represent, congratulations to Mr. Miller and everyone associated with Irrelevant Week XXVII, for being more relevant than you care to admit.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND
RICHARD J. LAWSON

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Richard J. Lawson for his contribution to the Brooklyn community.

Reverend Richard J. Lawson is pastor of the New Canaan Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. At the 400-member church, he offers spiritual and moral guidance. Reverend Lawson has been involved in the church since 1984 and currently oversees its educational programs. He developed the church's youth leadership program and established its athletic team. The Reverend also spearheaded the purchase of the Church's new worship facility. He is truly committed to improving the lives of others.

Reverend Lawson also ministers outside of his church. He visits those who are sick and travels throughout New York to provide a religious program in prisons.

Additionally, he is involved in several community organizations. Reverend Lawson is a member of the Manhattan Bible Alumni Association, Suna Enoch A.M.F.M. Lodge #139, Association of Brooklyn Clergy, Eastern Baptist Association, Brooklyn Clergy and Elected Officials, and Churches to Save and Heal. Reverend Lawson served almost a decade in the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Richard J. Lawson is a dedicated minister and contributor to his community. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable spiritual leader.